

# NEW HERE? WELCOME!

We warmly welcome you to Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church (GREFC)! We're so glad you've joined us today. If this is your first visit, please check out our Welcome Center and grab a few brochures to learn more about us.

We would love to connect with you! Please fill out a **blue Connect Card** and drop it off in an Offering Box so we have a record of your visit, we can thank you for coming, and give you some next steps. We sincerely hope you will come back to visit us again next Sunday. Relax and enjoy the service.

# OUR VISION

## We strive to be...

Together, living with purpose, by:

- Building a community that loves everyone deeply;
- Developing personal relationships that lead others closer to Jesus and;
- Equipping each generation to follow Jesus and become disciple-makers.

# KIDZ ON SUNDAY

Please check in your kids **BEFORE** the service starts.

Check-in stations are located in the Foyer, the Nursery and at the KidZone Check-In Desk. You may check in all your kids at any of the stations. Kids are dismissed from the service to Pathfinders after worship music ends. Brick starts promptly at 10:30 am.

## 9:00 am Service

- Nursery (0-36 months)
- Pathfinders 1.0 (Age 3-Grade 5)
  - Preschool A - Room 103
  - Preschool B - Room 101B
  - Grades K/1 - Room 106
  - Grade 2 - Room 104
  - Grade 3 - Room 102
  - Grade 4 - Youth Room
  - Grade 5 - Pine Room

## 10:30 am Service

- Nursery (0-36 months)
- Pathfinders 2.0 (PreK & K)
  - Preschool - Room 101B
- BRICK Bible Foundations (Grades 6&7) - Youth Room
  - \* BRICK students do not need to check in at a station.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements & Prayer - Elder Larry Curtiss

Worship Music

Kids Dismissed

Message - Lead Pastor Micah Labovitch

Worship Music

Benediction

# COMING SOON!

All-Church **POTLUCK**  
 Sunday, Jan. 22  
 Noon-1:30 pm

Last Names Ending | A-M: Main Dish  
 N-Z: Side, Salad or Dessert

Come together with the entire church family for a potluck after the second service on Jan. 22! Those with last names ending A-M, please bring a main dish. Those with last names ending N-Z, please bring a side, salad or dessert. Sit with folks you've never met before!

Annual Business Meeting  
 IN PERSON & ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
 Tuesday, Jan. 24 @ 6:00 pm

The entire congregation is encouraged to attend our Annual Business Meeting on Tues., Jan. 24 at 6:00 pm. There will be ministry summaries from 2022 and a look toward 2023. Members will also be voting on the 2023 proposed budget and new members.

For more details on any event, visit [grefc.org/events/](http://grefc.org/events/)

# THIS WEEK

## TODAY

Women's Ministry Leader Meeting// 6:00 pm/ Pine Room

## TUESDAY

Blood Drive// 10:30 am - 5:30 pm/ Parking Lot

# EACH WEEK

- SUNDAYS: Infuse Sr. High Youth Group: 6:00 pm/ Youth Room
- TUESDAYS: Young Adult Indoor Volleyball: 6:30 pm/ Worship Center
- WEDNESDAYS: MidWeek Meal: 5:15-6:15 pm/ Community Room
- WEDNESDAYS: Immerse Jr. High Youth Group: 6:00-7:15 pm/ Worship Center
- WEDNESDAYS: Kid Groups: 6:15-7:00 pm/ Various Rooms
- THURSDAYS: Women's Bible Study Fellowship: 6:00 pm/ Rooms 102/104/106

# STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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# Pray With Us For...

Family: Nick & Sarah Schrapp

Missions: Tim & Nancy Navratil - Costa Rica

Ministry: Deb Grooms: Children's Ministries, Stepping Stones Preschool

# LAST WEEK @ GREFC

## Giving

Last Week Actual	Weekly Budget
\$15,952.00	\$9,592.99

YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$481,953.42	\$479,586.50

## Attendance

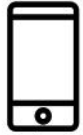
9:00 am - 110      10:30 am - 91

Online - 20      Total - 224

## 4 WAYS TO GIVE



Online at  
grefc.org



Text to Give  
218-376-7072



Offering Box



Mail to  
GREFC

## FIND US ONLINE

### Online Events Calendar



Go online to find events for everyone in the family, with more details than what we can give in the bulletin.

Go to the Online Events Calendar

### Weekly Round Up

The Round Up is our online bulletin where we can share more about the life of our church. Find church news, serving opportunities, photos of ministry events, and helpful links. Every Friday in your email inbox!



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## MESSAGE NOTES

**Series:** Nehemiah: The Lord Builds His Kingdom #1

**Message:** Oh Lord, Hear our Prayer

**Scripture:** Nehemiah 1:1-2:8

Think about it:

The report and prayers of Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1:1-4)

A [biblical] pattern of prayer from Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1:5-11)

God answers the prayers of His people (Nehemiah 2:1-8)

**Weekly Memory Verse: Nehemiah 1:5-6a (ESV)**

And I said, "O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant...."

January 8, 2023

# NEHEMIAH



The Lord Builds His Kingdom



## Join Us Sundays!

Services at

9:00 am & 10:30 am

In Person or Online on  & 



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